



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Norikazu OTA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2652

Application No.: 10/790,794

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For: METHOD OF LAPPING MEDIUM-OPPOSING SURFACE IN THIN-FILM MAGNETIC HEAD

CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

The benefit of the filing date of the following prior foreign application filed in the following foreign country is hereby requested for the above-identified patent application and the priority provided in 35 U.S.C. §119 is hereby claimed:

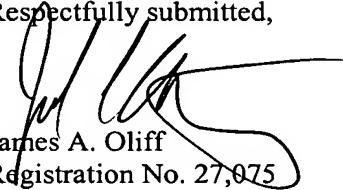
Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-057436 filed on March 4, 2003

In support of this claim, a certified copy of said original foreign application:

is filed herewith.

It is requested that the file of this application be marked to indicate that the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §119 have been fulfilled and that the Patent and Trademark Office kindly acknowledge receipt of this document.

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